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Subject: Master's candidate Keri Labell

Julie,

Keri Labell will be coming by the lab at 3pm, to troubleshoot some of the aspects of her study on paper. She is very discouraged about the pace of her authorization to do the actual bench chemistry here in the Drug Lab. I am surprised that BU has taken so long to support her status as a student and release the Drug Lab of the liabilities and risks which attend the laboratory work here.

There are two rare opportunities which are being missed here. The first is BU's opportunity of having one of their master's theses immediately become a protocol in a working forensic laboratory. The second opportunity being lost is for the State Laboratory to have that working protocol in place when salvia is scheduled.

At this moment, if we cannot encourage her that she can soon begin her bench chemistry here, may I offer her this possibility? I would propose that she do her "riskiest" prep work in the BU labs and she brings her samples to the Drug Lab for us to run on our apparatus. This strategy would provide that the protocol for the identification of salvia she develops will be compatible with our instruments. The value of this study to the Drug Lab is of course, that the sop developed will be immediately available for our use. If the program is developed around the technology available at BU, we may have to "redesign it" to fit our columns, tolerances etc. If Keri pursues the task here rather than BU, we won't have to revalidate it for our use later.

Any news on her being able to grind plants up and dissolve them here.....or can I at least tell her to bring her BU preps here to have me run them on an empty gc?

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Mike